

3.5 Essay Format

I. Introduction

- A. **ICD** = Interest Creating Device
- B. **Thesis** Statement
- C. **SORGs** = Statements of Organization
 - 1. SORG1 (may be the topic sentence for body paragraph 1)
 - 2. SORG2 (may be the topic sentence for body paragraph 2)
 - 3. SORG3 (may be the topic sentence for body paragraph 3)
- D. **Clincher** sentence (should also serve as a transition or "bridge" into next paragraph).

II. Body

- A. Body Paragraph 1
 - 1. Topic Sentence
 - 2. Supporting statement 1 (proof, examples, quotes, etc.)
 - 3. Supporting statement 2 (proof, examples, quotes, etc.)
 - 4. Supporting statement 3 (proof, examples, quotes, etc.)
 - 5. Clincher sentence (should also serve as a transition or "bridge" into next paragraph).
- B. Body Paragraph 2
 - 1. Topic Sentence
 - 2. Supporting statement 1 (proof, examples, quotes, etc.)
 - 3. Supporting statement 2 (proof, examples, quotes, etc.)
 - 4. Supporting statement 3 (proof, examples, quotes, etc.)
 - 5. Clincher sentence (should also serve as a transition or "bridge" into next paragraph).
- C. Body Paragraph 3
 - 1. Topic Sentence
 - 2. Supporting statement 1 (proof, examples, quotes, etc.)
 - 3. Supporting statement 2 (proof, examples, quotes, etc.)
 - 4. Supporting statement 3 (proof, examples, quotes, etc.)
 - 5. Clincher sentence (should also serve as a transition or "bridge" into next paragraph).

III. Conclusion

- A. Restatement of Thesis
- B. Restatement of SOGRs (don't need separate sentences for each)
- C. "Go Beyond" a mere summary
- D. Conclude the essay in a final sentence or two.

Writing an Essay:

1. Select a topic
2. Brainstorm (random notes of ideas)
3. Choose three ideas
4. Outline your essay
5. Write your introduction (be sure to include all necessary points).
6. Develop the body of the essay
7. Write your conclusion
8. Revise and Proofread.
Is the essay the best you can do?
Have you included transitional expressions? Are you proud of your work?
9. Write the Final Draft